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In re Application of:)
TOSHIHIKO FUTAMI) Group Art Unit: 2834
Application No.: 10/572,702) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: March 17, 2006) Confirmation No.: 5373
For: PERMANENT MAGNET MOTOR)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. Japanese Publication No. 11-252840 discloses a rotor, which has a plurality slit holes, positioned at the outer periphery of a permanent magnet core.

2. Japanese Publication No. 8-182267 discloses a rotor, which has a plurality of slit holes provided with substantially equal spaces, positioned at the outer periphery of a permanent magnet core.

Applicant also submits English-language abstracts of the Japanese publications.

In addition, applicant submits an International Preliminary Report on Patentability ("IPRP") issued by the International Bureau of WIPO on June 29, 2006, in a counterpart International application. The IPRP cites and discusses three Japanese publications which were previously submitted to the Patent Office on March 17, 2006. Since copies of the documents have already been provided by the applicant, the documents are not listed on the attached Form nor are they provided herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

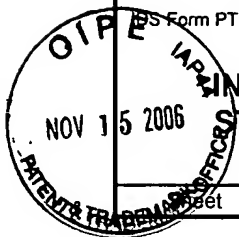
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